

Construction of fencing in Gujarat Sector and International Border in Jammu sector is in progress.

(b) and (c) 310 Kms. of fencing has been approved by the Government in the Gujarat Sector and the entire project is expected to be completed by March, 2004. Fencing along Jammu International border has been taken up recently and is expected to be completed by March, 2003.

Hindu Families migrated to India from Sindh, Pakistan

[†]1851. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Hindu families migrated to India during last ten years from Sindh district of Pakistan;

(b) whether these Hindu families have asked Government of India to grant Indian citizenship;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Such details are not maintained by the Government of India.

(b) to (d) An application for grant of Indian citizenship is required to be made to the collector of the district where the applicant is ordinarily resident. All such applications forwarded by the respective State Government are considered by the Central Government in accordance with the provisions of the Citizenship Act, 1995.

[†]Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.